

ITEMPO 4245429 1161302Z FRP:

DCI	NIO <i>NESA</i>	<i>NSC Coord</i>
DDCI	KOEHLER	<i>e/c/g</i>
D/NFAC	ZELLMER	OLC
DD/NFAC	DDSA	OMS
D/OCO	DDO	OPA/ <i>LAC</i>
DD/OCO	SA/DCI	SOC
NIO/I&W	DESK	XEXEC. SEC.
C/NESA		

1

CD CONFIDENTIAL

FRP: , , 3, , 5, , ,

STATE

ACTION: NONE INFO: FILE, RF, CI-3, COAWO-5, CR/AE, CTS, CWO-2,
 DDO-4, EPS/EG-2, IAD/CAS-3, IAD/CSG-4, IAD/TG-4, INT/FL, NE-4, NESA,
 NESA/AFI-2, IL/LE, LOP-3, JDPs-8, OGCR-2, OGCR/ER-2, OPA/II-2,
 SSR/EF, POS/INT, PAD/RAF, SA/DCI/CI, SECUR,

80 4245429

PAGE 001

NC 4245429

TOR: 251259Z APR 80

ZZ RUEA118

ZNY CCCCC ZDC STATE ZZH

TUTS424

ZZ RUEHC

DE RUHAA 0795 1161220

ZNY CCCCC ZZ-

Z O 251201Z APR 80

FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 8660

RUQM6I/AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI NIACT IMMEDIATE 1884

RUEHAD/USINT BAGHDAD NIACT IMMEDIATE 385

RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE 680

RUQM0H/AMCONSUL DHAKRAH NIACT IMMEDIATE 1247

RUQM0D/AMEMBASSY DOHA NIACT IMMEDIATE 1649

RUQMR/AMEMBASSY JIDDA NIACT IMMEDIATE 1311

RUQMK/AMEMBASSY KUWAIT NIACT IMMEDIATE 3445

RUQMYA/USLO RIYADH NIACT IMMEDIATE 285

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 0795

E.O. 12065: GDS GDS 4/25/86 (DAVIS, MICHAEL) OR-M

TAGS: PIAT, MPOL, ASEC, MOPS, BA

SUBJECT: REUTERS REPORT ON ALLEGED BAHRAIN FUELING STOP FOR
 TEHRAN RESCUE MISSION

REF: A. KUWAIT 2050 B. STATE 109161

1. (C ENTIRE TEXT)

2. CHARGE CONTACTED THIS MORNING BY LOCAL REUTERS CORRESPONDENT
 ASKING FOR COMMENT ON SAME STORY FROM KUL ISRAEL CITED IN KUWAIT
 REFTEL ON ALLEGED BAHRAIN REFUELING STOP FOR TEHRAN RESCUE MISSION
 AIRCRAFT. CORRESPONDENT SAID HIS BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT SOURCES

CONFIDENTIAL

80 4245429

PAGE 002

NC 4245429

TOR: 251259Z APR 80

DENIED BAHRAINI INVOLVEMENT.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT WE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE ABORTED RESCUE
 MISSION BEYOND THE INFORMATION IN TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTS' STATEMENT.

4. WE WERE ALSO CALLED THIS AFTERNOON BY LOCAL PRESS ASKING FOR
 OUR COMMENT ABOUT ALLEGED ABC REPORT OUT OF NEW YORK SAYING THAT
 US AIRCRAFT AND BOUNDED FROM TEHRAN RESCUE MISSION ARE PRESENTLY
 IN BAHRAIN. REPORTED SAID MINISTRY OF INFORMATION SPOKESMAN
 HAD DENIED ABC REPORT.

5. GIVEN GOB SENSITIVITY TO WESTERN, ESPECIALLY US, PRESS DISTORTIONS
 OF BAHRAIN, AND GIVEN TOUCHY SECURITY SITUATION CURRENTLY
 PREVAILING HERE, WE CAN EXPECT TO BE CLOSELY QUERIED BY GOB
 SATURDAY ON THESE PRESS REPORTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE AGREE WITH KUWAIT THAT A QUICK DEPARTMENT
 OR WHITE HOUSE DENIAL OR CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY. PLEASE INFORM
 US ASAP.
 DAVIS